SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Mr. Chairman, Sir, it is very sad that even after three years the Government does not have definite information. For monitoring the effectiveness of any TV programme and also for advertisement the Government should have the information. Even the private TV sellers will be having the data. I do not know what the computer gentlemen around our Prime Minister are doing. Sir, in their own interest it would be better to project the image of the Government and the Prime Minister if they know how many TV sets have been distributed.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please put your question.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Therefore, Sir, I would like to know from the Prime Minister the number of TV sets in the country.

Also the second part of my question is this. The Minister has informed that the transmitter at Kodaikanal has been linked with the Doordarshan Kendra, Madras, enabling the Kodaikanal transmitter to relay programmes produced and telecast by the Doordarshan Kendra, Madras. I would like to know from the Minister whether the transmitter, that is, the Doordarshan tower installed at Neyveli would be linked with Madras and the same facility would be available.

SHRI AJIT PANJA: So far as the second portion is concerned, a demand has been made. The engineers are examining that, if Neyveli could be connected with Kodaikanal.

So far as the first portion about the number of TV sets is concerned, I have already answered it.

*44. [*The question (Shri Raoof Valliullah) was absent. For answer,* vide *col.* 34-34 infra.]

*45. [*The questioner (Shri Subas Mohanty) was absent. For answer,* vide *col.* 34—36 infra.]

National Bank Security Force

*46. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:†
SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the high power committee on the security system for banks has suggested the introduction of a National Bank Security Force; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the decision taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) No High Power Committee has made a recommendation regarding introduction of a National Security Force. However, a decision has been taken for raising special Police Battalions for strengthening bank security.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Sir, the Director-General, Reserve Bank of India, Mr. Amitab Bose, when he inaugurated a short-term course in crimes and security in banks, organised by the Institute of Criminology, Research Wing noted that though robberies and dacoities attacted much more public attention, the loss suffered by banks through frauds was more significant. Sir, in the same conference, Mr. Laxminarayan, the former Director-General of Police and now the Chairman of the Indian Society of Criminology, said that it was high time that the banks had their own vigilance and security force which could also take over investigation of cases from the police. Therefore, I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether the Government will consider the suggestion.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Government will consider all suggestions. Next supplementary.

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†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri V. Gopalsamy.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Sir, as we are marching towards the 21st century, we are learning many things from the foreign countries. The banks in Switzerland have provided a very foolproof system of providing better security. Therefore, many of the VVIPs of this country also like to deposit their funds in the Swiss Banks. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether our Government would consider what are the security systems that are provided in the Swiss Banks and whether it would introduce them here.

SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI: (*Interruptions*): We have been continuously reviewing the security arrangements in the banks. What type of security system is required, that is being examined to ensure that we have improved set up of security arrangements.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Gopalsamy, have you got any information about how many robberies are there?

SHRI RAJIV GANDHI: Sir, we prefer an open banking system. We would not like to have that type of security system in India.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. T. R. Balu. He is absent.

श्री लक्ष्मी नारायण : सर, क्या माननीय मंत्री जी यह बताने की कष्ट करेंगे कि बैंकों में जो फ्राड करते हैं एनटीयूसी यूनियन के लीडर और जो रिपोर्ट होता है उसके ऊपर एक्शन लिया है या नहीं ?

SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI: This question relates to security, not to frauds.

Mutual Benefit Scheme

*47. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 313 given in the Rajya Sabha on 19th March, 1987 and state:

(a) whether any person or persons have since been found guilty in the seizure of Rs. 67.34 lakhs made under the Income Tax Act and if so, what action has been taken against the guilty persons including the officers who had abeted the running of the mutual benefit scheme in Punjab; and

(b) what is the number of claims settled and the amount restituted to the victims who were received by the operators of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

The Income Tax Department is concerned only with the income tax liabilties of the party M/s. Janata Janta Scheme (Regd.), Sirhind, and the offences, if any, committed by the said party under the Income Tax Act. So far as settlement of claims of the depositors against the party and allied issue under Indian Penal Code etc. are concerned these matters are within the puryiew of the state Government.

The seizure of Rs. 67,34,000 under the Income Tax Act was of unaccounted cash and it has duly been brought to tax in the hands of the firm M/s. Janata Janata Scheme (Regd.), Sirhind (Punjab), which consisted of two partners, Shri Tilak Raj and Shri Ashwani Kumar. Penalties under different sections of the Income Tax Act of more than Rs. 4.41 crores have been imposed. The state government authorities had arrested Shri Tilak Raj and Shri Ashwani Kumar in September, 1983 under sections 420, 406 and 506 of the Indian Penal Code.

Under the Income Tax Act, the seized cash could only be returned (if necessary) to the person from whose premises it was seized. In this case, no such need arose because huge income tax demands were created against M/s. Janta Janta Scheme